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Chief of Station, [REDACTED]

Finance Division

- Administrative/Finance
- Finance Officer Meeting of 20 July 1976

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- [REDACTED] (Change handling attached)
1. The suggestions contained in reference with respect to modification and clarification of travel regulations are appreciated. They are being given careful consideration and will be incorporated in regulations to the extent appropriate to related policy determinations.
 2. With respect to the problems encountered in connection with the use of vessels of U. S. Registry, recent decisions by G. I. O. have been received which clarify considerably this requirement. A HUEBARK release on this matter is in process of preparation at the present time. This release should be in your hands shortly.
 3. As indicated in reference, the question of deductions for meals and/or lodgings has been the matter of separate communications. We trust that these communications have served to furnish necessary guidance pending establishment of overall policy and revision of regulations. In this connection, it is probable that issuance of revised regulations will require some modification of your policy relating to deductions from per diem where lodging is furnished. Although final policy has not yet been approved, there is considerable support for requiring a deduction of 40% for lodging and 15% for meals. It has been proposed that the deduction for furnished lodging be adjusted by the amount of service charges incurred, however, before such policy may be initiated the question of the legal propriety of such policy must be resolved. We will advise you promptly as final policy determinations are furnished.

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4. We sincerely regret the long delay in responding to reference. The delay is attributable to the fact that major re-determinations are required in connection with the resolution of provisions of travel policy and not to lack of appreciation of the assistance we obtain from your reports on Finance Officer meetings.

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